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SUBJECT: MEXICO PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS TO LOS CONFERENCE

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1. MEXICO PRESIDENT ECHEVERRIA DELIVERED GOM GENERAL DEBATE STATEMENT TO SPECIAL SESSION OF PLENARY 26 JULY. HE NOTED THE RAPID OBSOLENCE OF PROVISIONS OF 1958 GENEVA CONVENTIONS, WHICH HE SAID, WAS DUE NOT ONLY TO SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY BUT THE DETERMINATION OF THIRD WORLD TO BE ACTIVE PARTICIPANTS IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS. HE SAID NEW LOS MUST BENEFIT ALL, NOT JUST FEW INDUSTRIALIZED STATES, AND HELP BRIDGE ECONOMIC GAP.

2. ON SPECIFICS PRES ECHEVERRIA DESCRIBED CONCEPT OF PATRIMONIAL SEA WITH 12 MILE TERRITORIAL SEA AND EXCLUSIVE COASTAL STATE SOVEREIGNTY OVER ALL RESOURCES IN 200 MILE ZONE. IF COASTAL  
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STATE CANNOT HARVEST MAXIMUM SUSTAINABLE YIELD IN FISHERIES

HE SAID STATES SHOULD GRANT LICENSES OR CONCESSIONS UNDER REASONABLE CONDITIONS TO OTHER STATES BUT COASTAL STATE ALONE SETS MODALITIES FOR SUCH ARRANGEMENTS. HE SAID COASTAL STATE SHOULD HAVE CONTROL OVER HIGHLY MIGRATORY SPECIES WHILE IN ZONE BUT ACKNOWLEDGED NEED FOR REGIONAL AGREEMENTS ON EXPLOITATION OF SUCH FISHERIES AND JUST DISTRIBUTION OF CATCH. MEXICO WILL OPPOSE ANY EFFORT TO REDUCE PATRIMONIAL SEA TO KIND OF INTERNATIONAL AREA OR MERE PREFERENTIAL FISHERIES AREA.

3. PRES ECHEVERRIA MADE REPEATED REFERENCES FOR NEED FOR STRONG AND VIGOROUS INTERNATIONAL AUTHORITY TO ADMINISTER DIRECTLY THE WEALTH OF INTERNATIONAL AREA. HE SAID GRANTING LICENSES TO STATES OR WORSE, TO INDIVIDUAL ENTERPRISES, WHICH WOULD PROBABLY BE TRANSNATIONAL, FOR EXPLOITATION OF SEABED WOULD BENEFIT ONLY MOST ADVANCED STATES. HE EXPRESSED "KEEN DISSAPOINTMENT" AT SOME STATES ATTITUDES TOWARD COMMON HERITAGE PRINCIPLE. "INSTEAD OF THIS COMMON EXPLOITATION OF WHAT BELONGS TO ALL", HE SAID, "THE GREAT INDUSTRIAL POWERS HOLD THAT AN AUTHORITY, IN WHOSE MAIN ORGAN SOME STATES WOULD HAVE MORE DECISION MAKING POWERS THAN OTHERS, SHOULD CONTENT ITSELF MERELY WITH DISTRIBUTING CONCESSIONS AND LICENSES FOR EXPLOITATION." AT THE SAME TIME SINCE THE SOCIALIST COUNTRIES BELIEVED IN COLLECTIVE EXPLOITATION OF THE MEANS OF PRODUCTION, "WE DO NOT UNDERSTAND WHY THOSE COUNTRIES HAVE NOT GIVEN THEIR FORTHRIGHT AND CLEAR SUPPORT TO THE IDEA THAT THE COMMON HERITAGE OF MANKIND SHOULD BE ADMINISTERED COLLECTIVELY, BY AN AUTHORITY REPRESENTING THE COMMUNITY OF NATIONS, INSTEAD OF SEEMING TO PREFER EXPLOITATION THROUGH THE GRANTING OF INDIVIDUAL CONCESSIONS, WHICH REPRESENTS A TYPICALLY CAPITALIST WAY OF PROCEEDING."

4. HE SAID COASTAL STATE MUST EXERCISE SOVERIGN RIGHTS OVER CONTINENTAL SHELF TO OUTSIDE LIMIT OF "CONTINENTAL MARGIN" OR TO 200 MILES OFFSHORE WHICHEVER COASTAL STATE CHOOSES. REGARDING CARIBBEAN COUNTRIES WHOSE PROBLEMS COULD NOT BE SOLVED BY PATRIMONIAL SEA CONCEPT HE SAID GURANTEES FOR THEIR NATIONALS TO EXPLOIT LIVING RESOURCES MUST BE GIVEN IN REGIONAL ARRANGEMENTS AND MEXICO IS PREPARED TO NEGOTIATE WHENEVER THOSE COUNTRIES WISH.

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